Organisation (NSSO) rounds of survey, employment in agricultural and its ancillary sectors are fluctuating as can be seen below:

NSSO Survey	Year covered by Survey	Employment in primary sector out of 1000 male and 1000 female workers in rural areas	
		Male	Female
57th	July, 2001 to June, 2002	678	840
58th	July, 2002 to Dec., 2002	688	649
59th	Jan., 2003 to Dec., 2003	708	852
60th	Jan., 2004 to June, 2004	659	841

(c) As per 59th round of National Sample Survey, 40% of the farmers felt that given a choice, they would take up some other career.

(d) Among the major steps taken to raise development rate and employment opportunities in agriculture sector include the scheme of macro management of agriculture covering Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) for Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals. Similarly, there is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called "Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM)". A credit policy has been announced by the Government on 18th June, 2004 for providing credit facilities to the farmers for the development of agriculture and allied sectors.

Fund for afforestation by JBIC

1178. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese Bank of International Co-operation (JBIC) has agreed to finance Rs. 613.26 crore for afforestation scheme in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the total amount received, so far, from JBIC and the conditions imposed by the Bank for sanctioning the loan;

(c) the details of various programmes proposed to be undertaken in this plan;

(d) whether the amount is reallocated to all the district for implementation; and

(e) the present status of this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Karnataka Sustainable Forest Management and Biodiversity Conservation Project is being implemented in all the districts of Karnataka with the loan assistance from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). The total sanctioned cost of the Project is Rs. 745 crores including Rs. 131.734 crores as State share. So far, an amount of Rs. 37,033 crores has been disbursed by the JBIC. The JBIC has agreed to provide funds at 0.75% annual interest rate with a re-payment period of 30 years from 2015 onwards. Under the programme activities such as afforestation, income generation activities for poverty alleviation, biodiversity conservation provision of basic infrastructure support for field work and other supporting activities for forest management have been included. The Project period is 2005-06 to 2012-13. The Project is being implemented as per schedule.

Seed and fertilizers subsidy to farmers

1179. DR. VIJAYA MALLYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of subsidy being paid to farmers to purchase seeds and fertilizers for farming activities;

(b) whether the subsidy is distributed equally to small and marginal farmers;

(c) the parameters considered while distributing the subsidy; and

(d) the programmes launched by Government to educate the farmers in adopting modern agricultural technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) The quantum of subsidy provided to farmers under different crop and Seed development schemes to purchase seeds through State Department of Agriculture is Rs. 200/ qtls. For wheat and rice, Rs. 400/qtls. for varieties coarse cereals like Bajra, Jowar, Ragia